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- I. Overwhelming victory of Communist-infiltrated People's Action party in 30 May Singapore election (43 of 51 assembly seats) foreshadows increasing problems for British and the West.
 - A. Landslide resulted largely from party's great appeal to pro-mainland Chinese nationalism and from hopeless split of moderate parties.
 - B. Constitution creating new State of Singapore promulgated yesterday, and government expected to be formed tomorrow.
- II. Communist activities and influence likely to increase under new government.
 - A. People's party has already persuaded British to release eight influential pro-Commie leaders of the party from jail, giving additional skilled leadership to already strong extremist elements in party.
 1. Latter comprise possibly 50 percent of party's active workers.
 - B. Doubtful if so-called moderate leaders can prevent large-scale Communist infiltration of government.
 - C. Questionable how effectively anti-subversive laws and safeguards in Constitution will work under new government.
 1. Large-scale anti-subversive sweeps in 1956-57 probably main factor keeping Communists under control; new government will almost certainly not use laws in same stringent manner.

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1. However, Lee is notorious opportunist who may prove to have neither desire nor influence to control strong extremist elements in his party.